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1. ATMOSPHERE HERE IS CONSIDERABLY MORE RELAXED. TROOPS NO LONGER GUARD THE AIRPORT AND ONLY ONE SOLDIER PROTECTS RADIO STATION. "OPERATION CLEAN UP" REMOVED MOST OF POLITICAL SLOGANS FROM WALLS SEMIC; NEITHER FLA NOR ANY OTHER GROUP HAS PAINTED NEW ONES. CONSULATE EMPLOYEE VICTORS CRUZ RELEASED FROM DETENTION JUNE 23. TEN OTHERS INCLUDING JOSE FRANCO RELEASED IN LAST THREE DAYS MAKING TOTAL OF 20 SET FREE OF THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH EVENTS OF JUNE 6.
2. PROMPT ACTION TAKEN TO DEAL WITH SOME OF LONG STANDING AZOREAN PROBLEMS MAY DEMONSTRATE TO PEOPLE HERE LISBONS GOOD FAITH AND INTENTION TO DEAL WITH AAZOREAN COMPLAINTS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUNE 20, HOWEVER, DIDNOT DEAL WITH MOST SERIOUS ISSUES ;

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- 1) THE PRICE OF MILK, 2) DEFINITION OF POLITICAL-

ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONSHIP OF AZORES WITH LISBON AND
3) APPOINTMENT OF NEW CIVIL GOVERNOR FOR PONTA DELGADA
DISTRICT.

3. INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT HAS BEEN CONTINUING PERSONAL
INVOLVEMENT OF GENERAL MAGALHAES AND LTC MIRANDA IN
DETAILS OF MEASURES TAKEN TO MEET AZOREAN ECONOMIC
COMPLAINTS. FOR EXAMPLE, MAGALHAES ACCOMPANIED BY
MIRANDA CHAIRED MEETING BETWEEN BANKERS AND FARMERS
ASSOCIATIONS TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL CREDITS. WE HAVE
NOTICED THAT SOME OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE MAGALHAES
DETERMINATION TO DO SOME THING ABOUT AZOREAN PROBLEMS
SPOTLIGHTED BY JUNE 6 DEMONSTRATIONS.
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